

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-35: (Cancelled).

36. (Currently Amended) An optical information recording medium, comprising:  
a substrate and  
a first reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the first reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy ~~comprises~~ of the first reflective layer consists essentially of silver and 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously Presented) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the first reflective layer is highly reflective.

40. (Currently Amended) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, further comprising a second reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the second reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy ~~comprises~~ of the second reflective layer consists essentially of silver and 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth,  
wherein the first reflective layer is a semi-transmissive film.

41. (Previously Presented) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the first reflective layer is semi-transmissive.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) An optical information recording medium, comprising:  
a substrate and  
a first reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the first reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy;  
and wherein the silver base alloy ~~comprises~~ of the first reflective layer consists essentially of silver, 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % in total amount of at least one rare earth metal element.

44. (Previously Presented) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the rare earth metal element is Nd.

45. (Previously Presented) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the first reflective layer is highly reflective.

46. (Previously Presented) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the first reflective layer is semi-transmissive.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently Amended) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, further comprising a second reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the second reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy ~~comprises~~ of the second reflective layer consists essentially of silver, 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % in total amount of at least one rare earth metal element, wherein the first reflective layer is a semi-transmissive film.

50. (Currently Amended) The optical information recording medium of Claim 49, wherein the rare earth metal element of the second reflective layer is Nd.

51. (Cancelled)

52. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the silver base alloy of the first reflective layer consists of silver and 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth.

53. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 40, wherein the silver base alloy of the second reflective layer consists of silver and 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth.

54. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 40, wherein the silver base alloy of the first and second reflective layers consists of silver and 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth.

55. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the silver base alloy of the first reflective layer consists of silver, 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % in total amount of at least one rare earth metal element.

56. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 55, wherein the rare earth metal element is Nd.

57. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 49, wherein the silver base alloy of the second reflective layer consists of silver, 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % in total amount of at least one rare earth metal element.

58. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 57, wherein the rare earth metal element of the second reflective layer is Nd.

59. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 49, wherein the silver base alloy of the first and second reflective layers consists essentially of silver, 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % Nd.

60. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 49, wherein the silver base alloy of the first and second reflective layers consists of silver, 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % Nd.